§ 870.3800 Annuloplasty ring.

(a) Identification. An annuloplasty ring is a rigid or flexible ring implanted around the mitral or tricuspid heart valve for reconstructive treatment of valvular insufficiency.

(b) Classification. Class II (special controls). The special control for this device is the FDA guidance document entitled “Guidance for Annuloplasty Rings 510(k) Submissions.”


§ 870.3850 Carotid sinus nerve stimulator.

(a) Identification. A carotid sinus nerve stimulator is an implantable device used to decrease arterial pressure by stimulating Hering’s nerve at the carotid sinus.

(b) Classification. Class III (premarket approval).

(c) Date PMA or notice of completion of a PDP is required. A PMA or a notice of completion of a PDP is required to be filed with the Food and Drug Administration on or before December 26, 1996 for any carotid sinus nerve stimulator that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976, or that has on or before December 9, 1987 been found to be substantially equivalent to a carotid sinus nerve stimulator that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other replacement heart valve shall have an approved PMA or a declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.


§ 870.3925 Replacement heart valve.

(a) Identification. A replacement heart valve is a device intended to perform the function of any of the heart’s natural valves. This device includes valves constructed of prosthetic materials, biologic valves (e.g., porcine valves), or valves constructed of a combination of prosthetic and biologic materials.

(b) Classification. Class III (premarket approval).

(c) Date premarket approval application (PMA) or notice of completion of a product development protocol (PDP) is required. A PMA or a notice of completion of a PDP is required to be filed with the Food and Drug Administration on or before December 9, 1987 for any replacement heart valve that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976, or that has on or before December 9, 1987 been found to be substantially equivalent to a replacement heart valve that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other replacement heart valve shall have an approved PMA or a declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.


§ 870.3935 Prosthetic heart valve holder.

(a) Identification. A prosthetic heart valve holder is a device used to hold a replacement heart valve while it is being sutured into place.

(b) Classification. Class I. The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter.


§ 870.3945 Prosthetic heart valve sizer.

(a) Identification. A prosthetic heart valve sizer is a device used to measure the size of the natural valve opening to determine the size of the appropriate replacement heart valve.

(b) Classification. Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to the limitations in §870.9.